

NSC BRIEFING

15 July 1954

INDOCHINA

I. Viet Minh pressure on shrinking
perimeter increasing.

- A. Troops 304th Division
harassing Hung Yen sector.
- B. Elements 308th Division
have probed Luc Nam area.

II.

[redacted] possible
enemy move cut delta in two, thus
hastening Hanoi's fall.

DIA review
completed.

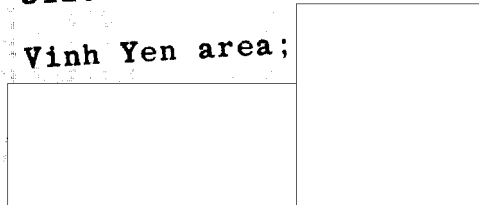
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RE-REVIEW



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A. Large-scale attack from Luc
Nam and Hung Yen would prob-
ably be accompanied by 312th
Division move toward Hanoi.

1. 312th Division probing
Vinh Yen area;



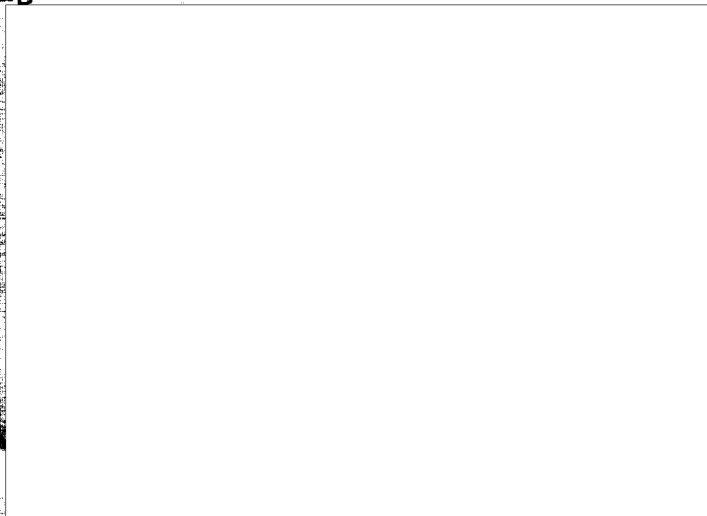
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III.  continu-
ing heavy Chinese aid.

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C. Capabilities delta attack
sharply strengthened since
Dien Bien Phu.

IV. Army attaché reports French thinking
"keyed to departure" Tonkin delta.

A. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] negotiations now on with
Viet Minh to grant French
uncontested passage from delta
once cease-fire agreed.

B. Attaché notes "limiting factor"
fresh water supply Haiphong
if French forced make stand
there.

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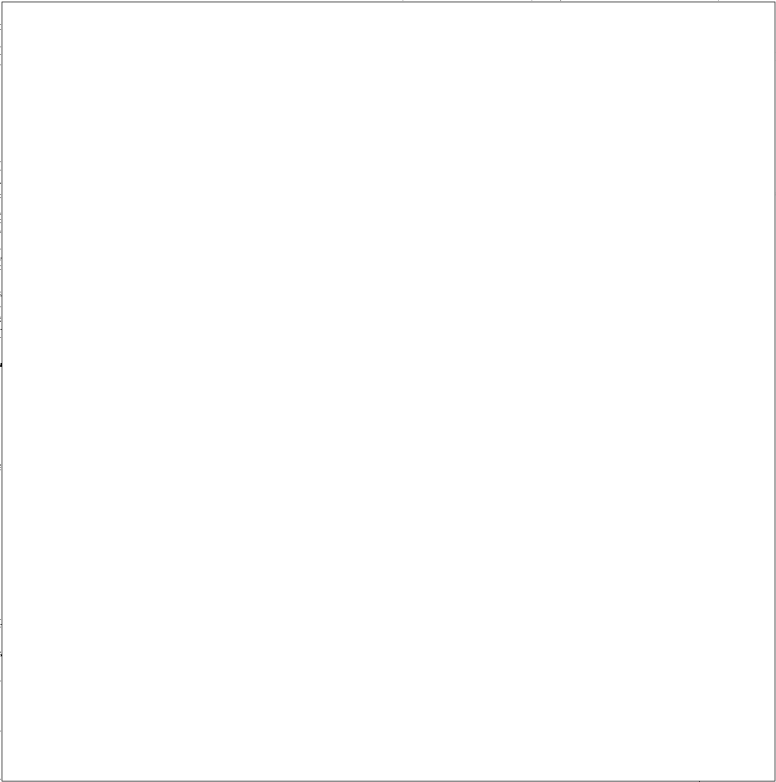
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1. Sabotage already cut supply by three quarters; enemy claims it able eliminate entire supply.

V. Meanwhile, Viet Minh apparently attempting strengthen bargaining position in Annam.



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